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Superintendent  
Stones River National Battlefield  
3501 Old Nashville Highway  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129

**SUBJECT:** Draft Management Plan, Development Concept, and Environmental Impact Statement for Stones River National Battlefield, Rutherford County, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the referenced document in accordance with EPA's responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102 (2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act. The document presents the assessment of environmental impacts of three alternatives for cultural and resource management at the Stones River National Battlefield. The preferred alternative is to acquire 759 acres of land for incorporation into the park as funds become available, to provide a climate-controlled environment for the collection of artifacts, moving the artifact collection out of the Stones River floodplain, and enhancing the visitor center to accommodate more patrons.

EPA supports the preferred alternative, expansion of park holdings and facilities. We would suggest that at the visitors center NPS institute a program to promote waste reduction and recycling of office paper, corrugated paper and aluminum beverage cans from vending machines. We have seen instances at NPS sites where park brochure/map materials are collected when the patrons have finished using them for "instantly recycling", that is, the materials are recovered and used again.

As some construction in floodplains is anticipated, further analysis of potential impacts on wetlands may be required. We would encourage any contractors working for NPS in the Stones River floodplain be held accountable for strict erosion and sediment controls, and that this construction conforms with NPS "Floodplain Management Guidelines" which were issued as NPS "Special Directive 93-4" in 1993. EPA recommends that new building construction and renovations meet energy efficient standards as outlined in the American Society for Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Efficiency guidelines.

EPA rates this action as LO - Lack of Objections - that is, this review has not identified

any potential impacts requiring substantive changes to the proposal. We appreciate the opportunity to review this document. Please contact me or John Hamilton at (404) 562-9617 if more information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heinz Mueller", with a checkmark at the end.

Heinz J. Mueller, Chief  
Office of Environmental Assessment